



*step 13*

\* *Maiden Syndrome*

# THE RICHMOND C. LORRAINE HOTEL SKATE CENTER

EAST JAPAN TOURIST BUREAU  
CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

IT'S REALLY  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO WATCHING  
THEM IN  
TODAY'S  
CONTEST.

THANK  
YOU!

I WOULD  
THE ARTICLE  
TITLED "THE  
INTRODUC-  
TION OF A NEW  
ICE DANCE  
PAIR."

THANK  
YOU!

KONNU-KAN,  
NOT ONLY  
ARE YOU THE  
CLUB OWNER  
BUT ALSO THE  
COACH!



FIRST OCCASION -  
AN AMERICAN  
IN PARIS





THEY HAD  
COLLIDED!



REBEL...



ONE MORE  
DREAM!

IT WAS SO  
NEARBY...







I WANT  
TO KNOW  
THE REASON  
BEHIND IT SO  
WE CAN ACT  
IN ACCORD-  
ANCE

AT THIS RATE IT'LL  
BE DIFFICULT TO  
WIN THE ALL-MUSUM  
JUNIOR IN THREE  
WEEKS



I WANT  
TO KNOW  
TOO

SINCE WHEN  
HAVE THINGS  
GONE THIS  
WAY?

I DON'T  
INTEND TO  
DEFEND  
YOU, SO I  
WANT YOU  
TO SPEAK  
FRANKLY

YUKINO  
CHAM, CAN  
YOU TELL  
US THE  
REASON?



WHEN I'M  
DEALING WITH  
DOMAN-KUN  
AND LOOK AT  
HIS FACE UP  
CLOSE

SUDDENLY  
MY BODY  
SHAKES UP  
AND I FEEL  
DEPRESSED

IT'S PRO-  
BABLY...

BECAUSE  
I SAW  
DOMAN-KUN  
AND JULIA  
KISSING

WAIT A  
SECOND

I CAN'T  
HELP IT!









THE ONLY  
ONE I HATE @  
DOGAUM-EUN

NOT PARTI-  
CULARLY...



THEN...

THE ONLY  
SOLUTION  
IS TO DIS-  
SOLVE THE  
DUET



THEN  
YOU WERE  
TEACHING  
HIM TO  
TELL  
SCHEM?

THAT'S  
WONNA-  
BONG...



I'M VERY  
WORRIED  
TOO...





HOW SHOULD WE  
HANDLE THE  
"MADON" SYNDROME?

SHE  
WOULDN'T  
REACT LIKE  
THAT IF HE  
WAS ONLY  
HER ATHLETE

I WANT  
TO AVOID  
IT

FOR BETTER  
OR FOR WORSE,  
YUKINO-ORIM  
WANT TO USE  
HER ADVICE  
WHO WAS HOS-  
PITALIZED WITH  
PNEUMONIA.

ALTHOUGH  
THAT WILL  
BECOME AS A  
COOLING-OFF  
PERIOD.



SHE  
USED  
PUNISH-  
MENT, DIDN'T?



THAT  
RELEASE



THIS  
PROBLEM  
CAN'T BE  
SOLVED IF  
SHE IS STILL  
RAGE. DON'T  
YOU THINK?

YUKINO-  
ORIM PLAN  
TO CAST  
ASIDE THE  
MADON  
WHICH WED  
TO BECOME  
AN ATHLETE



YOU  
LOOK  
SAD

IT IS NOT  
LIKE YOU  
AT ALL.

WELL...

I CAN'T BE A  
COACH WITH-  
OUT PHYSICAL  
STRENGTH AND  
WITH ENOUGH  
ADVICE.

IS THAT  
SO?

OTHER  
WILL DO

HER  
POTENTIAL  
CAN BE  
BOASTED  
BY YOU

THE  
ANSWER IS  
SIMPLE

DON'T  
SAY  
THAT

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE  
TO HAVE PRO-  
GRESS IN  
LIFE

PEOPLE ARE AT THE  
PEAK ONLY WHILE THEY  
ARE YOUNG AND HAVE  
PHYSICAL STRENGTH  
AND VITALITY

IS IT ONLY  
FOR THE  
MASS OF  
PEOPLE?

OTHERWISE,  
TURNING-OPEN  
AND YOU WON'T  
OBTAIN WHAT  
YOU REALLY  
WISH.

SKATING COMES  
FIRST, YOU HAVE  
TO PUT ALL YOUR  
ENERGY INTO IT,  
CASTING ASIDE  
EVERYTHING  
ELSE.







WHEN YOU  
WERE A DOUBLE  
DREAM YOU  
WERE IN A  
DIFFICULT  
POSITION

I SURED IT WAS A  
HEAVY RESPONSIBILI-  
TY TO BE AWARE  
THAT EVERYONE  
EXPECTED YOU TO  
WIN FROM THE  
START...

SINCE I  
CAN'T SLEEP,  
I'VE BEEN  
DISCOVERING  
HOW TO  
GET BACK TO  
SUPPORT...

TO MANAGE  
FROM HIGH  
SCHOOL...

IF I DO THAT,  
YOU WON'T HAVE  
TO CARRY IT  
AND FALL BACK  
AGAIN

HOW THAT YOU  
DREAMED TO  
HAVE FOUND  
ICE DANCE...



I THOUGHT  
YOU'D GROW  
UP AND  
BECOME AN  
ADULT OF YOURSELF...

IS A  
LARGE  
MOUTH?

YOU WERE GOING TO  
WIN ALL THE TIME,  
SAYING "I WANT TO  
FIGHT IN LIFE". I  
WANT TO FIGHT  
ANYMORE. "I DON'T  
WANT TO BE A LOST"



BUT NOW,  
FOR THE FIRST  
TIME SINCE  
I PAID UP  
WITH DOUBLE-  
DREAM I DON'T  
WANT TO  
FIGHT

IT WAS  
FUN.

SORRY,  
JUN

HAVING A  
PARTNER TO  
FIGHT ALONG-  
SIDE ME IS  
FUN

BUT SINCE YOU  
WENT TO TOKYO TO  
DO ICE DANCE YOU  
HURRY COMPLAIN-  
ING AT ALL. TO THE  
POINT OF FORGET-  
TING ABOUT YOUR  
MOTHER











CONFIRM THE  
OTHER PARTY  
THAT WE'LL  
CONTACT  
THEM AT 7  
O'CLOCK.

YES,  
SIR--  
SIR.

WASHO-KUN,  
SLEEPY PLUS  
GENE LATE.

STOP  
CALLING  
ME ALL-  
DAY.

I'M NOT  
IN THE  
MOOD.

YOU MUST  
BE WORRY  
ON YOUR  
OWN.

ON THE  
CON-  
TINENT.

SHOULD I  
LOOK FOR  
SOMEONE  
PARTNER  
FOR YOU?

ONE

WILL NOT  
RETURN.



WHEN SUBITO DEPARTS  
KAMIKAZE  
SHALL RETURN  
TO NORMAL.

I THINK THIS  
IS TRAVEL-  
EASY

ARE YOU  
SERIOUS,  
KOURA-  
SUN?

IF THAT'S  
THE CASE,  
WE SHOULD  
LEAVE SOON!

BECAUSE  
WE HAVE TO  
SEARCH  
FOR CANDI-  
DATE AND  
CHOOSE ONE



YOU ARE  
WORRIED ABOUT  
US NOT WINNING  
THE ALL-JAPAN  
CONTEST, RIGHT?

THAT COULD BE  
TOMORROW OR  
IN TWO YEARS

ARE YOU GOING  
TO WAIT UNTIL  
SHE OVERCO-  
MES THIS LITTLE  
ROMANCE?

THE ALL-  
JAPAN CON-  
TEST HAS  
RECENTLY  
ORGANIZED



KOURA-  
SUN?

I CAN TELL  
NEGOTIATE  
WITH THE  
COMMITTEE  
ABOUT THE  
CLUB'S  
FUTURE

IF YOU  
WAKE UP  
BEFORE THE  
ALL-JAPAN  
CONTEST,

NO.

TO RATHER YOU  
NOT TAKE PART IN  
IT IF YOU CAN'T  
GIVE BLOOD THAN  
SOO PLATE IN A  
HALF-HEARTED  
PERFORMANCE

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DOMIN-  
EYES!



IT MUST BE  
HELPED SINCE  
SHE CAN ONLY  
WAIT SUCH AN  
INSTANTANEOUS  
MOMENT.

WAIT A  
MOMENT

IN ORDER  
UP ALL THE  
EFFORT  
YOU PUT  
INTO SUCH



YOUR WISH IS  
TO TAKE PART  
IN INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTIONS.

DON'T YOU  
WANT TO  
DEFEAT YOUR  
EX-PARTNER,  
LUCIFER'S  
TEAM?



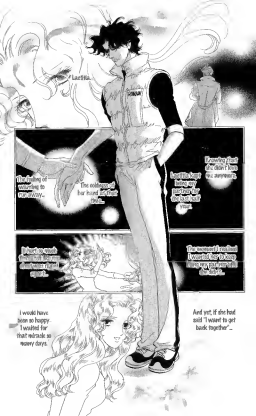
ALMOST ATHLE-  
TES WHO  
SECURELY  
ARE TO WIN,  
DO IT

TIME AND  
ABILITY  
AREN'T  
ETERNAL.

YOU SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN THAT  
STRONG WHEN  
SUCH, RIGHT?



ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ME TO PROVE ON  
THAT SO I  
UNDERSTAND  
EVERYTHING  
BUT I DON'T



The feeling of  
wanting to  
let go...

The coldness  
of her hand in their  
clasp...

Just like last  
time, my  
partner was  
the last half  
of me...

Knowing that  
she didn't love  
me anymore...

When we  
were young,  
she was the  
one who  
said...



The moment I realized  
I wanted her to keep  
being my partner was  
the last...

I would have  
been so happy...  
I waited for  
that retruce so  
many days...

And yet, if she had  
said "I want to get  
back together"...













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"I waited for that  
miracle so many  
days..."

"I would  
have been  
so happy."



"If she had said 'I want  
to get back together'"



I thought that  
starting with  
everything for  
me...

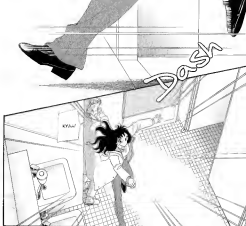
And  
yet...

Just by  
using  
Komachi-  
kou's idea,  
everything  
falls into  
place.

I'm so  
stupid...











GET  
OUT

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
IT...  
THIS  
IS THE  
LARGEST  
SPIN-  
TACON



SHU...

Shu...



THAT'S IT...



IF YOU TELL  
ME THAT  
THERE'S NO  
TURNING  
BACK...

I'LL  
GIVE  
UP



THAT'S  
NOT A  
LITTLE  
CORAL.

I'LL HAVE TO  
GIVE UP MY  
LITTLE DREAM  
OF WINNING  
THE ALL-JAPAN  
JUDO CHAMP  
THIS  
YEAR...

AND FIGHT  
FOR THE  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP...



THAT'S  
NOT IT.



*Jump*



ARE YOU  
AN IDIOT?



IT'S  
LITTLE

DON'T WANT  
TO FIGHT AGAIN  
BECAUSE I DON'T  
WANT TO GET  
HURT

I WOULDN'T BE  
HAPPY WINNING  
A COMPETITION  
LIKE THAT





I'LL WAIT  
FOR YOU  
IN TOKYO.

COME  
BACK  
ANYTIME!

Romain-kun..

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ROMAN-KUN



I'M  
SORRY  
FOR  
CALLING  
YOU A  
FUCKER

WELL AN  
EXCUSE-  
TANCE OF  
KIND, IT'S  
MURDER



WILL YOU  
COME TO  
BURN MY  
HOUSE?



THEY  
CALLED A  
MURDER  
AND

YOUNG  
MURDER





WE EXPECTED FROM MY MENTOR IN THE ART OF LYING!

I ALSO USED IT THIS TIME WITH SOMEONE.

SHAME ON ME!

WE'LL MANAGE TO BE IN TIME FOR THE ALL JAPAN SHOWDOWN!

THE TRUTH IS YOU HAVE NO GOLD SWEAT, VALVED-CHIK!



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